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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED
BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COMPANIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 16-49e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) As used in this section "identification" means a Social Security
4 number, the number of an identity card issued pursuant to section 1-
5 1h, as amended, the number of a motor vehicle operator's license
6 issued pursuant to section 14-36, or any other means of identification
7 approved by the Department of Public Utility Control. A public service
8 company, as defined in section 16-1, as amended, may request a
9 person opening an account with the company to provide the company
10 with two forms of identification, one of which contains a picture of the
11 person, at the time of opening the account. If a person opening an
12 account fails to provide the requested identification, the public service
13 company shall open an account for such person and allow fifteen days
14 for such person to provide the company with identification. If such
15 person fails to provide the required identification within fifteen days,

16 the public service company may terminate service to such person.

17 (b) A telecommunications company that is certified to provide
 18 telecommunications service pursuant to section 16-247g may not
 19 require a prospective residential customer to provide identification as
 20 a condition of providing telecommunications service, except to the
 21 extent that a telephone company is permitted pursuant to subsection
 22 (a) of this section.

23 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude a company
 24 from accepting additional forms of identification, provided the
 25 company accepts the forms of identification specified in subsection (a)
 26 of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To permit a public service company or a telecommunications company to request two forms of identification from a person seeking to set up an account with the company.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]